

The FCC should not implement any proposal that would lessen Indiana's Telephone Privacy law protections. I am in favor of any legislation or policy that thwarts telemarketers. However, I do not want to see a change that will lessen my protection against unwanted and unsolicited harassment.

Before Indiana's Telephone Privacy Law went into effect, we would often receive several calls a day from telemarketers, beginning at 8am and often continuing until 10pm. I can't express to you how much we hated it - it was like being under siege, and the only remedy was to purchase a caller ID system and pay for the ID service each month. This we refused to do. Why should we pay to avoid something we didn't want in the first place?

Since Indiana's Telephone Privacy Act went into effect, We. Don't. Get. Telemarketing. Calls. At all. Ever.

I don't know what the legal issues are that your agency must consider when crafting a new national telemarketing standard. I appreciate the hard work that must go into creating such an animal. However, the citizens of Indiana do not eagerly anticipate any national standard that effectively LESSENS the protection we currently enjoy. Setting a new national standard would be beneficial to all citizens without such protection. But couldn't it be a "minimum" national standard, leaving each state free to set its own "maximum" protection? This approach might make it more complicated for telemarketers to do business on a national level, but better to make things difficult for them, rather than for the consumer.

I appreciate your time. Thank you.